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REF: DEPT.'S A-5049; OUR FM 28, JUNE 27.

POST HERewith NOMINATES FOLLOWING 1975 EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL
GRANTEES:

1. NELSON SEGOVIA FUENZALIDA. PDOB: SANTIAGO APPROX. 26
YEARS OLD. PRESENT POSITION; SALES DEPARTMENT, COBRE
CERRILLOS: ACTIVE IN PIR (LEFT RADICAL PARTY) AT BOTH
LEADERSHIP AND YOUTH LEVELS. PAST POSITIONS: FOR 6 YEARS
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO FORMER SENATOR ALBERTO BALTRA.
TRAVELS ABROAD: POSSIBLY ARGENTINA, ENGLISH POOR. CLEARED.
REASON FOR NOMINATION: SEGOVIA IS AN EXCEPTIONALLY BRIGHT
AND ENERGETIC YOUNG POLITICIAN ACTIVE AMONG YOUNG
SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND REMNANTS OF FORMER RADICAL
PARTY (ESPECIALLY PIR).
POST OBJECTIVES: OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE US POLITICAL
SYSTEM AND MAINTAIN EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH YOUNG POLITICIANS.
NOMINEE'S AVAILABILITY DATES: ANY TIME, PREFERABLY TO
COINCIDE WITH 1974 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

2. MARIO RIOS SANTANDER. PDOB: APPROX. 30 YEARS OLD. PRESENT
POSITION: ACTIVE IN "GREMIALISTA" MOVEMENT. PAST POSITIONS:
ELECTED IN 1969 AS A NATIONAL PARTY DEPUTY, YOUNGEST
MEMBER OF CONGRESS, ELECTED FOR BIO-BIO PROVINCE. TRAVELS
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ABROAD: TO U.S. LATE 1972 TO MIAMI IN SEARCH FOR POLITICAL

FUNDS. ENGLISH: INADEQUATE. WILL NEED ESCORT-INTERPRETER.

CLEARED. REASON

FOR NOMINATION: RIOS IS A YOUNG AMBITIOUS POLITICIAN WHO REMAINS A MEMBER OF A GROUP OF YOUNG INFLUENTIAL CHILEANS CALLED "GREMIALISTAS". A VISIT TO THE U.S. WOULD OFFER HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE A FUNCTIONING DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT AND HOPEFULLY OFFER INSIGHTS INTO HOW WE DO THINGS AND WHY.

POST OBJECTIVES: OFFER RIOS THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM AND HOPEFULLY INFLUENCE HIM REGARDING DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. CONTINUATION OF A GROWING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RIOS, "GREMIALISTAS" AND THE U.S.

NOMINEE'S AVAILABILITY DATES: AS RIOS IS PRESENTLY MANAGING HIS FAMILY FARMS, HE MAY BE AVAILABLE AT ANYTIME.

3. GREGORIO ZUNIGA GATICA. PDOB: RANCAGUA, CHILE, JAN.18, 1939
PRESENT POSITION : WORKING FOR FIAT (AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY) IN RANCAGUA. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT OF A BOROUGH OF RANCAGUA. PAST POSITIONS: WORKED FOR SEVEN YEARS WITH CORHABIT(HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PRGRAM) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO FORMER SENATOR RAFAEL MORENO, IN CHARGE OF HIS RANCAGUA OFFICE. TRAVELS ABROAD: POSSIBLY ARGENTINA AND/OR PERU. ENGLISH: POOR. WILL NEED ESOROT-INTERPRETER.
CLEARED.

REASON FOR NOMINATION: ZUNIGA IS AN INTELLIGENT YOUNG POLITICIAN AND LABOR LEADER WHO HAS TAKEN MANY INITIATIVES VIS-A-VIS THE EMBASSY AND IS INFLUENTIAL AND ACTIVE IN AN IMPORTANT PROVINCIAL CAPITAL AND COPPER MINING CENTER AMONG CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND OTHERS.

POST OBJECTIVES: 1. OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT U.S. TO OBSERVE POLITICAL SYSTEM AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS RELATED TO IT, WHICH HE HAS REPEATEDLY STATED HE DESIRES TO DO. 2. CONTINUATION OF TIES WITH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN AN IMPORTANT AREA AND THROUGH A LEADER WITH AN EVIDENT POTENTIAL FOR REACHING THE TOP IN PARTY AND UNION AFFAIRS.

NOMINEE'S AVAILABILITY DATES: ANYTIME. PREFERS VISIT TO COINCIDE WITH AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN, HENCE SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER 1974 APPEARS DES RABLE.

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BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON TWO OTHER EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL NOMINEES WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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